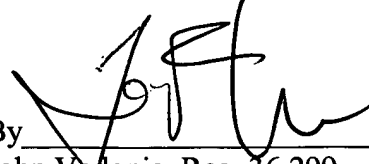


REMARKS

Claims 8-11 are now pending in this application. Claim 8 is now independent, from which claims 9-11 depend. Claims -17 and 12 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Allowance of claims 8-11 and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees in connection with this Amendment, and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John V. Velloppia', written over a horizontal line.

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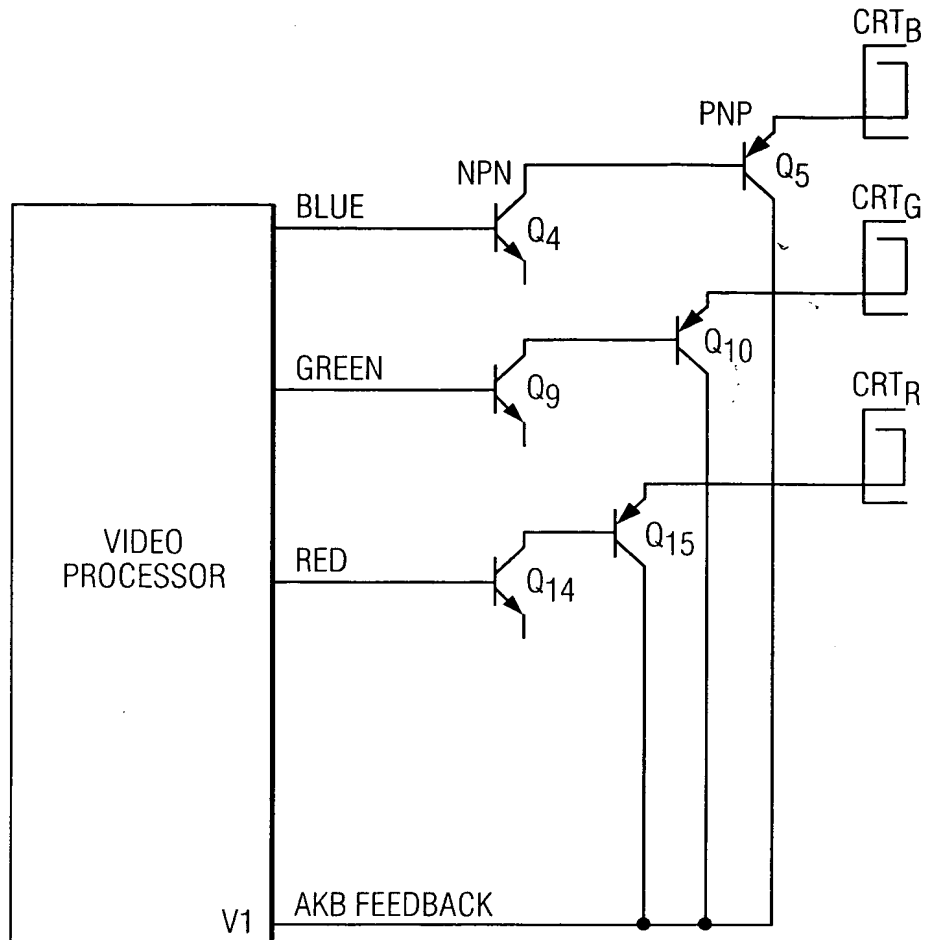


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